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Sir:  
Attached for filing is the patent application of:  
Inventor: VELKE et al.  
Entitled: POWER MOWER WITH RIDING PLATFORM FOR SUPPORTING STANDING OPERATOR  
and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
65 pages of specification and claims (including 17 numbered claims), and  
10 sheets of accompanying drawing/s..  
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
 Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/322,472, filed December 19, 2002, which is a continuation of 09/927,505, filed August 13, 2001, now Patent No. 6,516,596, which is a continuation of 09/705,910, filed November 6, 2000, now Patent No. 6,327,839, which is a continuation of 09/519,420, filed March 6, 2000, now Patent No. 6,189,304, which is a continuation of 09/426,746, filed October 26, 1999, now Patent No. 6,094,897, which is a division of 09/054,460, filed April 3, 1998, now Patent No. 6,059,055, which is a division of 08/827,455, filed March 28, 1997, now Patent No. 5,809,755, which is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S. Serial No. 08/726,927, filed October 3, 1996, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/615,518, filed March 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,600,944, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/357,740, filed December 16, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,507,138, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
 The prior application is assigned to Wright Manufacturing, Inc., Frederick, Maryland.  
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein.  
 Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.  
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449;  Other: Notice of Address Change

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee		\$	770.00		
Total effective claims	2	- 20 (at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 (at least 3) =	0 x \$ 86.00	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 770.00
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				<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 385.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	0.00
				<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 385.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

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